



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Christmas for Our Troops and Their Families

On December 3, 2008, in the State Capitol, the California State Legislature and Yellow Ribbon America launched the fifth annual Operation Christmas for Our Troops and Their Families, a statewide and national non-partisan holiday effort to give support to America's deployed and at home military members and their families. This effort, supports the California National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty deployed and at home military members and their families.

"The California Department of Veterans Affairs is happy to be part of this wonderful effort," said Tom Johnson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "This effort is necessary because it is not just the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guard members that are affected when they are deployed and away from home, but also the families they leave behind."

This year's goal is to deliver Christmas community support to more than 300,000 of California, Arizona and Nevada's military members and their families here at home and serving throughout the world.

For more information on how to participate or donate visit [www.YellowRibbonAmerica.org](http://www.YellowRibbonAmerica.org).



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